Mr. V. S. Arumugham Pillai (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Sir, with reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know from the Land Revenue Commissioner, whether he is aware of any place in the whole of India where such a rate of taxation is available?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: I cannot say if it is so.

Mr. V. S. Arumukhom Pillai. May I know whether he is aware of the fact that it is Rs. 5 in excess of the tax per acre in the taluks of Madras Presidency?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: May be so.

Repatriation in Ceylon.

94. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Travancoreans now residing in Ceylon;

(*b*) whether they are subject to any disabilities by the Government of Ceylon;

(*c*) whether a scheme of repatriation has been passed by the Government of Ceylon for the eviction of Indians including Travancoreans from Ceylon; and

(*d*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government of Travancore to protect the Travancoreans there?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Government have no definite information.

(*b*) and (*c*) Yes.

(*d*) This Government have forwarded their views to the Government of India and sought to impress upon them the necessity to take effective measures for counteracting the policy adopted by the Government of Ceylon which this Government recognise affects prejudicially a large number of Travancoreans. Other steps are also in contemplation.

Convenience of Sabarimala pilgrims.

95. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the approximate number of pilgrims that gathered at Erumeli and Sabarimala during the last "Makara Samkramum" festival;

(*b*) whether sufficient drinking water was available to the pilgrims in both places; and

(*c*) whether there were sufficient number of latrines for the use of pilgrims?

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